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SUBJECT: TESTIMONY BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. THE HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE MARCH 4 (PUBLIC TESTIMONY) AND 7. DEPUTY SECRETARY WARREN CHRISTOPHER WILL TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AT 11:00 MONDAY, MARCH 7 ACCOMPANIED BY HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS COORDINATOR PAT DERIAN AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES FROM EACH OF THE REGIONAL BUREAUS. AFTER PRESENTING HIS GENERAL STATEMENT ON U.S. POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY IS EXPECTED TO BE ASKED QUESTIONS ON A VARIETY OF SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS SUBJECTS. THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED IN CASE A QUESTION ARISES REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA. THIS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN REVIEWED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND REFLECTS THE ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AS WELL AS OVERALL  
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US INTERESTS.

2. TEXT OF CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA:

--THE CURRENT PROBLEM IS A LEGACY OF THE ATTEMPTED

PRO-COMMUNIST COUP IN 1965 WHICH PRODUCED WIDESPREAD DISORDERS, INCLUDING THE MURDER OF THE TOP ARMY LEADERSHIP, WIDESPREAD PUBLIC VIOLENCE, THE DEATH OF POSSIBLY 100,000 AND THE TEMPORARY DETENTION OF SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND INDONESIANS. THE COUP ATTEMPT BROUGHT THE EVENTUAL DOWNFALL OF THE SUKARNO DICTATORSHIP AND THE REPLACEMENT BY THE SUHARTO GOVERNMENT.

--AT PRESENT ABOUT 30,000 INDONESIANS ARE STILL DETAINED. THE GOI HAS FEARED -- RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY -- THAT THE MASS RELEASE OF THE 30,000 DETAINEES MIGHT REKINDLE PUBLIC DISORDERS YET IT LACKS EVIDENCE AND THE MACHINERY TO BRING THEM TO TRIAL.

--US ACTIONS - THIS SITUATION IS OBVIOUSLY OF CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES AND WE HAVE BEEN QUIETLY ENCOURAGING THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM WHICH WOULD RELEASE ALL PRISONERS WHO ARE BEING HELD FOR ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL PURPOSES. A COMPLETE REPORT ON OUR EARLIER ACTIONS WAS SENT TO THE CONGRESS LAST FALL.

--INDONESIAN ACTIONS - IN DECEMBER 1976, THE GOI RELEASED 2,500 PRISONERS AND ANNOUNCED A THREE-YEAR PHASED RELEASE OF THE REMAINING APPROXIMATELY 30,000. WE BELIEVE OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED TO DATE AND WE INTEND TO CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS. WE EXPECT FURTHER PROGRESS TO BE MADE. THE POSITION OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ON THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT.

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